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Comments: 1) The potential benefits associated with overhead distribution lines underground:

As a resident along the proposed above ground line. My entire equity in my house would be eliminated; both monetarily and scenically. Leesburg is a growing population of middle to upper income families. Placing power lines will only deter future growth and income to the county. The lines will not be any less expensive than below ground lines. Above ground lines will require higher repair costs, significant loss to property values, lower tourism revenue, almost complete destruction of the forestation along an 11 mile stretch and the loss of one of Northern Virginia's most beautiful park areas.

2) The costs and potential obstacles associated with undergrounding overhead distribution lines. Underground lines will be a long term better solution because of the future growth the county and region expect to see in the next ten years. Temporary road closures are a minor setback when the long term could mean far less power failures and the ability for more people to receive the power. 3) If public policy warrants placing underground all or a portion of existing and/or new overhead distribution lines, should the policy be established by state law or local ordinance. Explain why.

The local authorities should have the ruling on where the power lines are placed. Only the locally elected officials know the communities best and can estimate future growth. A local ordinance will best serve the people and the visiting public.